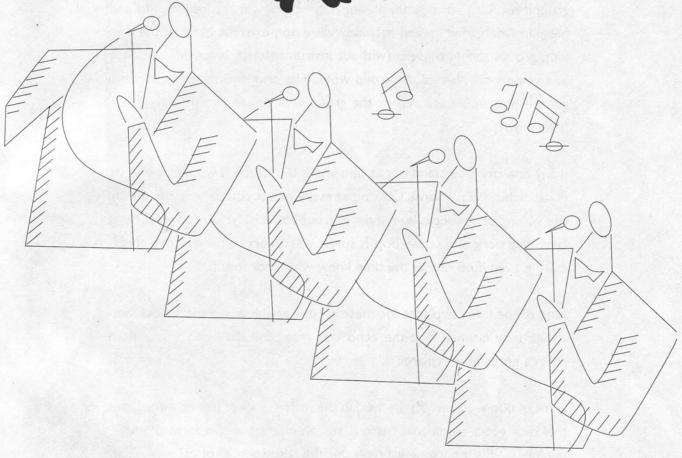


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## **FOREWORD**

Doo wop is surely an American phenomenon. It was started on the street corners, school yards and hallways of America's largest cities. Created by young teenagers who loved to sing and harmonize, this "new music" started to take hold at the end of the 1940s and gave birth to the modern vocal groups of today.

The pioneer doo wop groups developed a way of using rhythmic background vocals by strategically placing doo wops under the lead vocalist and filling in where rhythm and harmony were non-existent. Most of the doo wop groups sang a cappella (without instrumental accompaniment); once in a while a member of the group would play an instrument—usually the guitar—and would accompany the group with simple chord changes and basic rhythms.

If any one city is to stand out as doo wop's birthplace, it would have to be Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On almost every street corner you could hear the wailing of a falsetto lead and the group's special lyrics: doo wop, rama lama ding dong and schoo bop. It surely was an art to make those phrases ring, even if no one at the time knew what they meant.

One of the favorite places for these groups to shine was the school lavatories; they claimed that the echo was great and they could hear each other's notes much clearer.

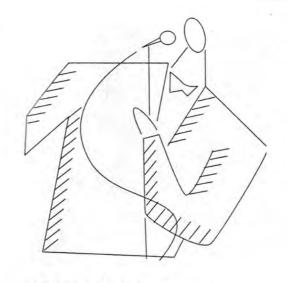
A lot of doo wop revivals are held in the major cities of this country. Does this resurgence mean that there is still an interest in this form of entertainment, or is it because it brings out the falsetto in all of us?

The songs in this book are the crème de la crème of this great era.\* There are small bios on most of the groups of this exciting time, making this book a great collectors' item or perfect if you just want to rama lama ding dong!

<sup>\*</sup>Some songs had to be left out because of copyright restrictions. For more listening and information about the doo wop era, this editor recommends Rhino Records' *Doo Wop Box and Doo Wop Box II.* Each box has a booklet with stories, photos and song listings in addition to those great recordings.







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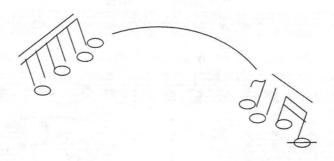
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# **ANGEL BABY**

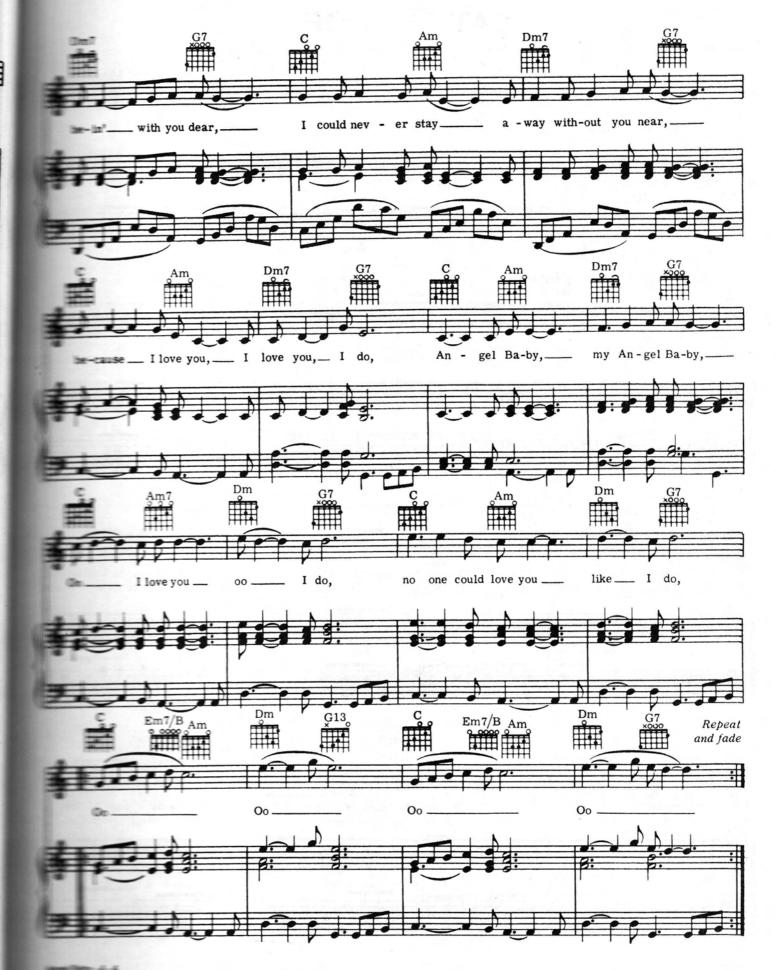
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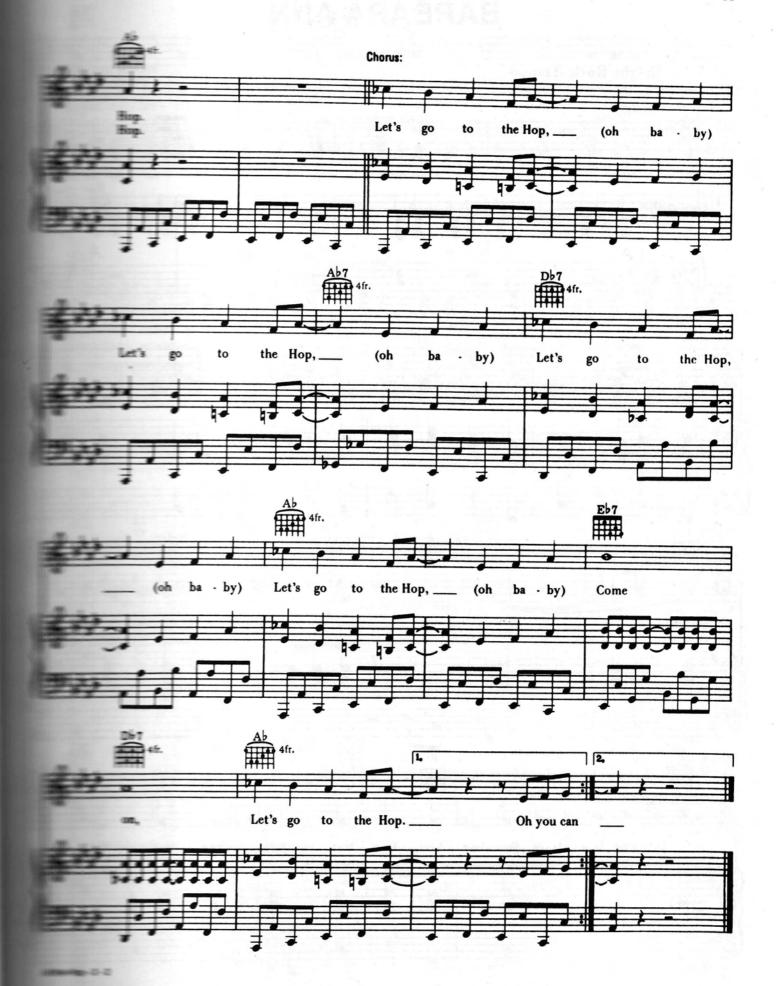


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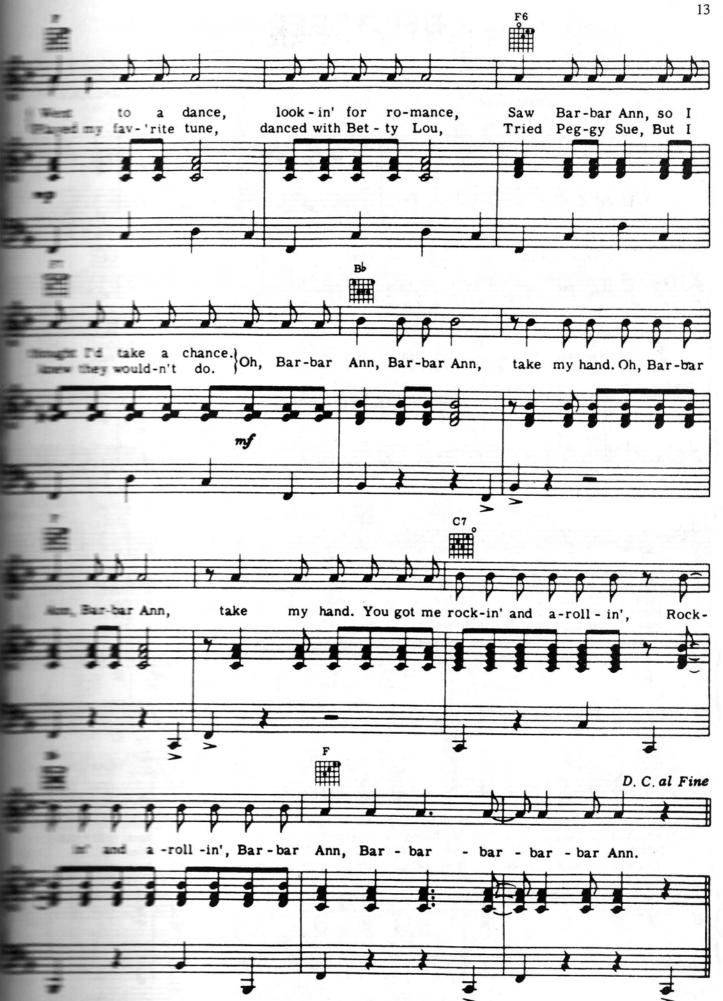
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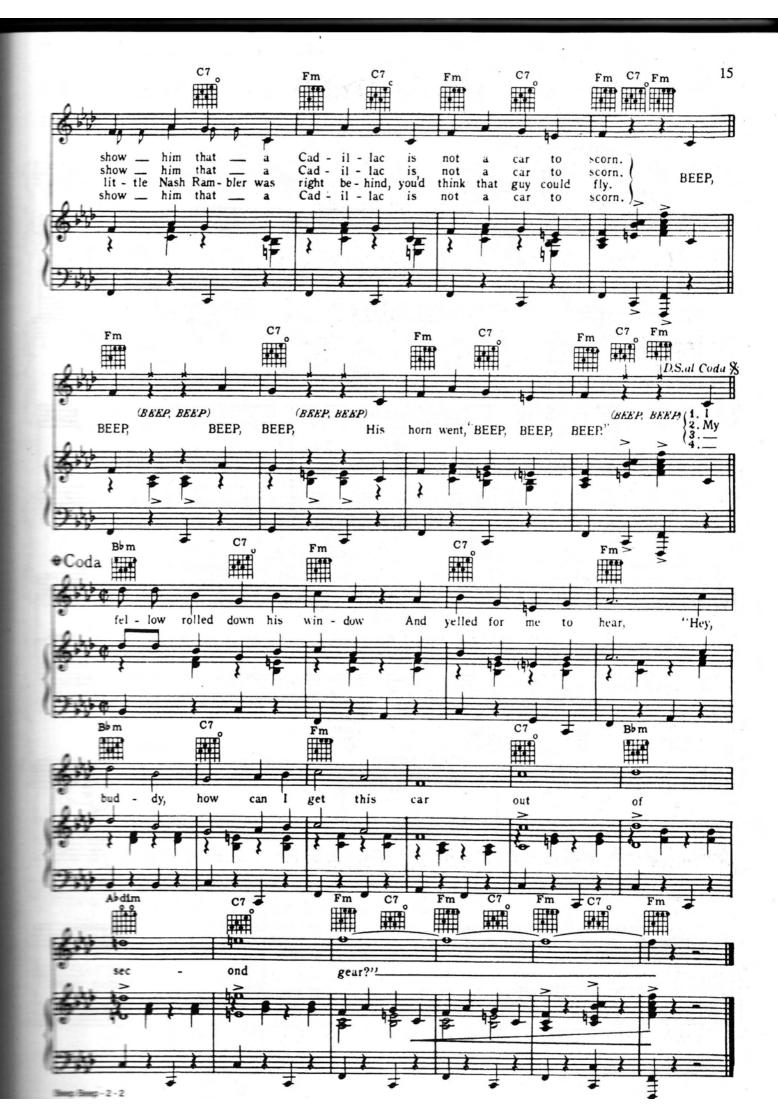






## **BEEP BEEP**





## **BLUE MOON**





## **CALIFORNIA SUN**

Words and Music by HENRY GLOVER and MORRIS LEVY



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# **CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF OF YOU**







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# **COME GO WITH ME**

Words and Music by C.E. QUICK

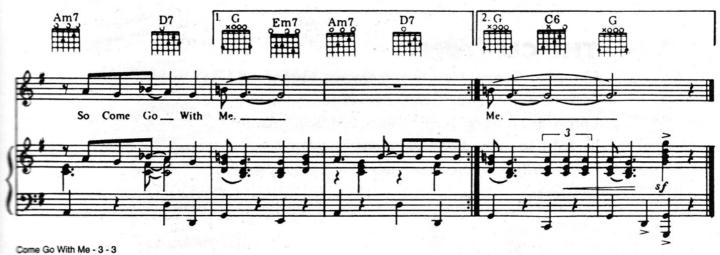


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#### THE CADILLACS

This group was formed in 1953 in Harlem, New York. They were the first group to use choreography as part of their act. They had two records on the charts, Speedoo (#17) and Peek-A-Boo (#28), both of which were on Josie Records. The group was originally called the Carnations.

#### THE CASCADES

Formed in San Diego, California, the group consisted of John Gummoe, Eddie Snyder, David Stevens, David Zabo and David Wilson. Their big hit was "Rhythm of the Rain" (#3) on Valiant Records.





#### THE CHIMES

This group was formed in Brooklyn, New York, by Leonard Cocco. The group had two chart records, "Once in a While" (#11) and "I'm in the Mood for Love" (#38), which were recorded on Tag Records.

#### THE CLEFTONES

Formed in Queens, New York, the group consisted of William McClain, Herbie Cox, Berman Patterson, Warren Corbin and Charlie James. "Heart and Soul" (Gee Records) was their big record, going to #18 on the charts. Originally the group was known as the Silvertones.



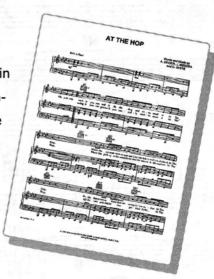


#### THE COASTERS

Formed in Los Angeles, California, the group consisted of Carl Gardner, Bobby Nunn, Billy Guy and Leon Hughes. The group had ten records on the charts; "Yakety Yak" and "Charlie Brown" both went to #1. All of the songs were recorded on Atco Records. The group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

## **DANNY & THE JUNIORS**

This group was formed while its members were still in high school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The group consisted of Danny Rapp, Frank Maffei, David White and Joe Terranova. They had four records on the charts, with "At the Hop" going to #1. All of the recordings were on ABC-Paramount with the exception of "Twistin' USA," which was recorded on Swan Records.





## **JOEY DEE & THE STARLITERS**

This group was the house band at the Peppermint Lounge in New York City. Three members of the group went on to form the Young Rascals, a famous rock group in New York, while Joey Dee became a solo performer. The group had four records on the charts, of which "Peppermint Twist" went to #1. All of their recordings were done for Roulette Records.

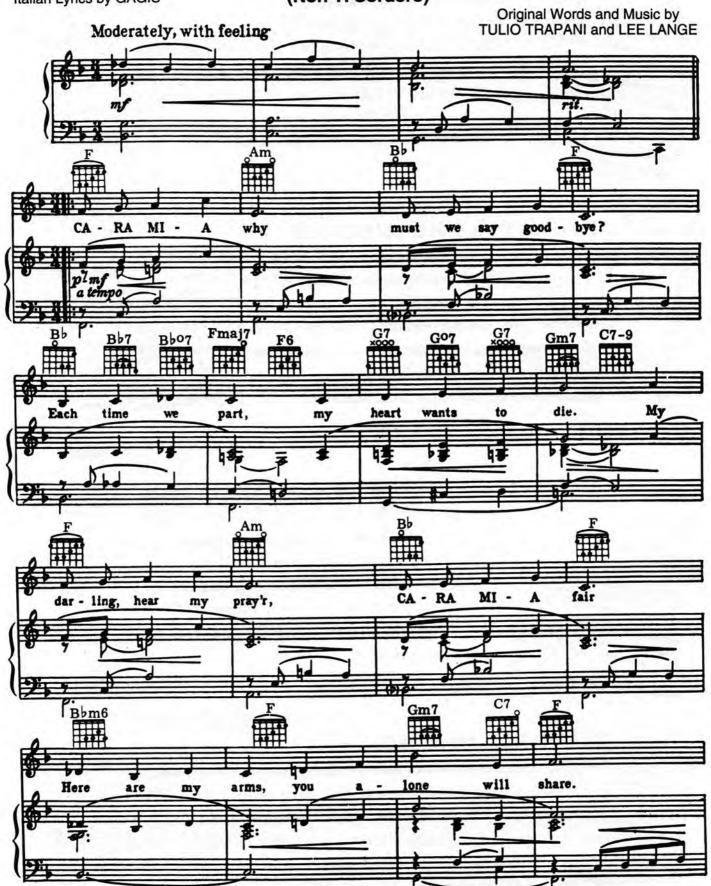
#### THE DELL-VIKINGS

The group was formed while its members were in the Air Force in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The group—with members Corinthian Johnson, Donald Backus, Clarence Quick, Norman Wright and David Lerchey—had three records on the charts; their hit record "Come Go With Me" reached #4. All were recorded on Dot Records with the exception of "Cool Shake," which was recorded on Mercury Records.



#### CARA MIA (Non Ti Sordero)

Italian Lyrics by GAGIS



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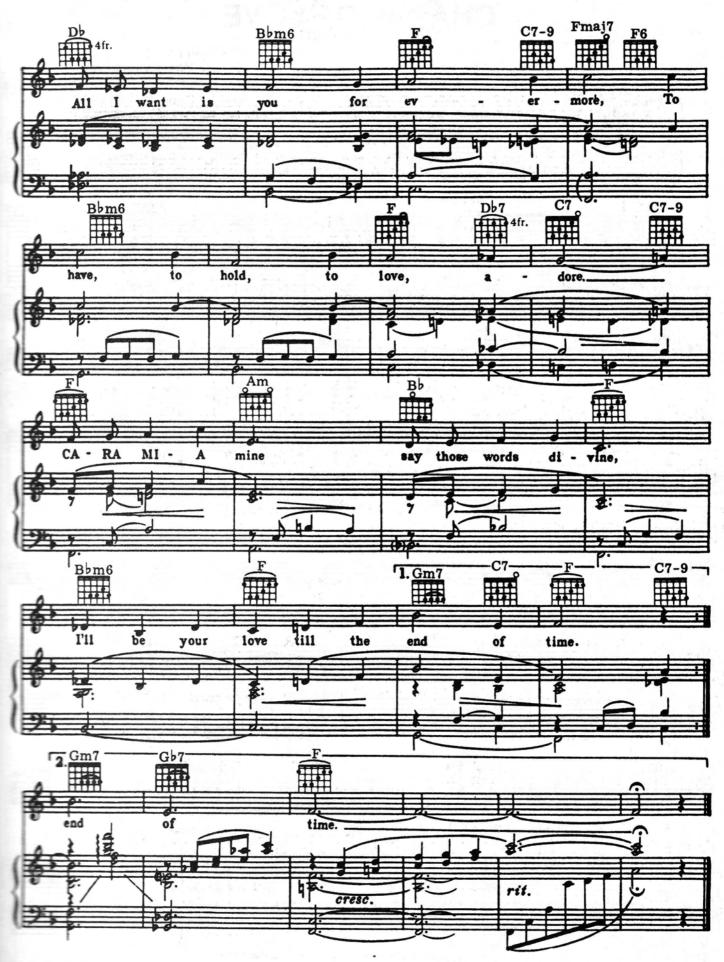
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# **CHAPEL OF LOVE**



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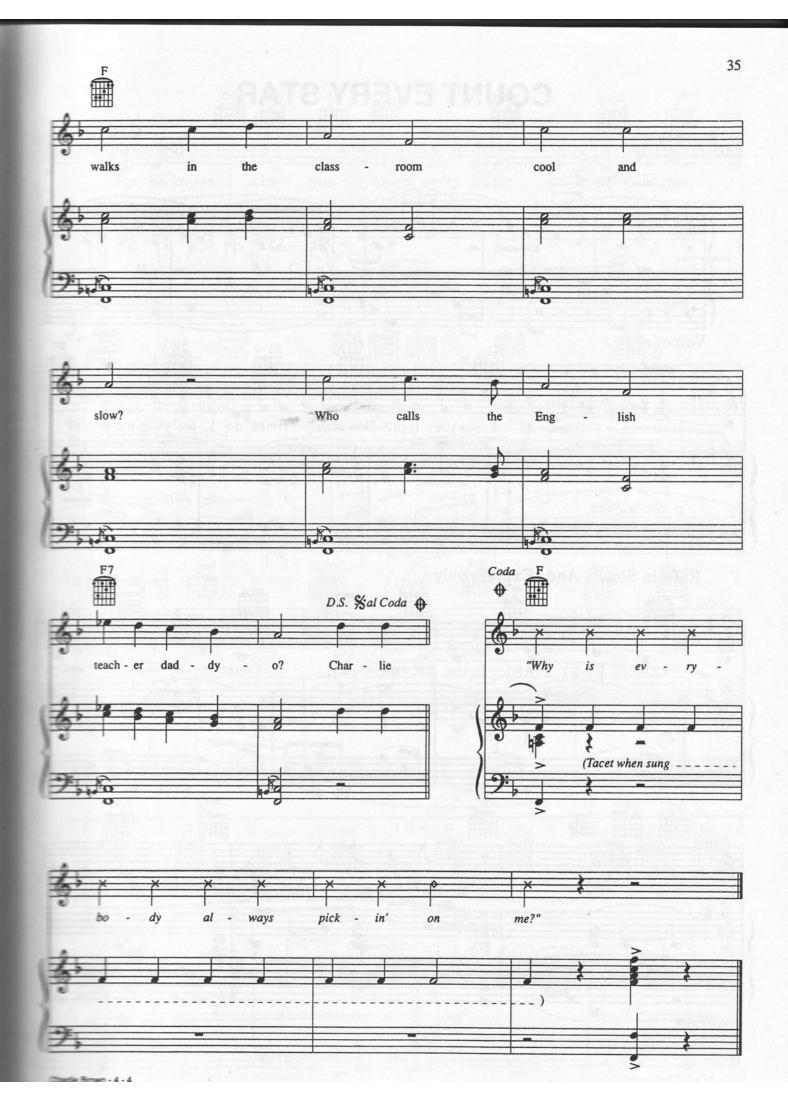
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## **CHARLIE BROWN**









# **COUNT EVERY STAR**





# **DADDY'S HOME**









## **EARTH ANGEL**

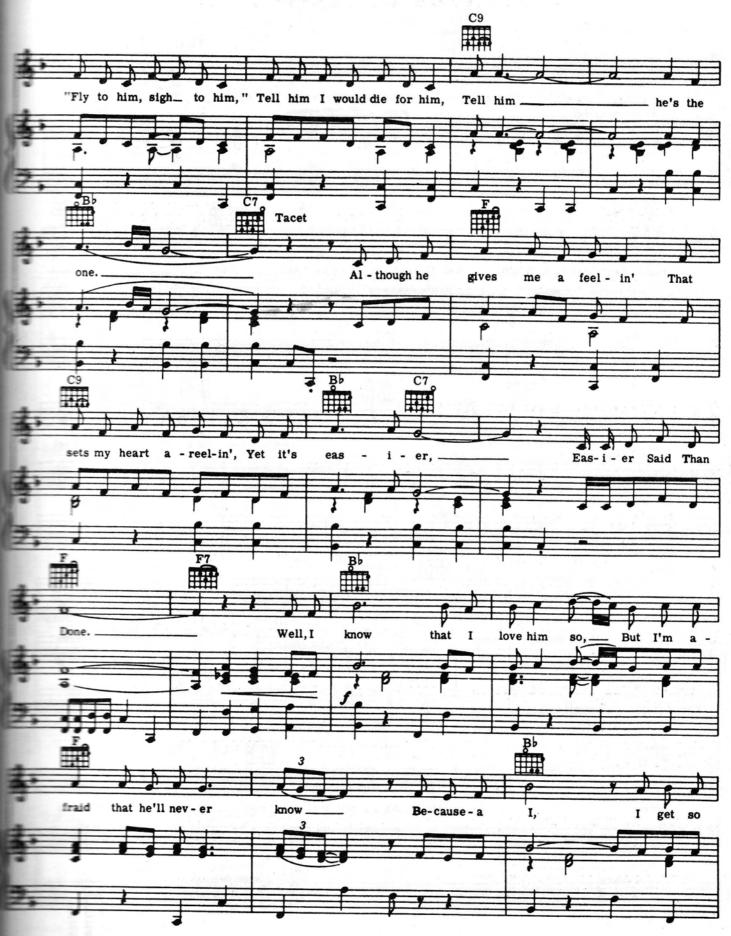






## **EASIER SAID THAN DONE**







# **GET ON UP**

Words and Music by G. MOORER and B. SHEPPARD













#### **DION & THE BELMONTS**

This group was formed in the Bronx, New York. They were named after a street in the Bronx: Belmont Avenue. The group consisted of Dion DiMucci, Carlo Mastrangelo, Freddie Milano and Angelo D'Aleo. They had six records on the charts; "A Teenager in Love" went to #5. All were recorded on Laurie Records. The group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989.

## **DONNIE & THE DREAMERS**

The group was formed in New York City by one of its members, Louis (Donnie) Burgio. They had one chart record, "Count Every Star" (#35), which was recorded on Whale Records.





### THE DRIFTERS

Clyde McPhatter, Bill Pinkney, Gerhart Thrasher and Andrew Thrasher became the Drifters in the early 1950s. The group had a staggering 16 records on the charts. Two of their top hits were "Save the Last Dance for Me" (#1) and "There Goes My Baby" (#2). These recordings were made on Atlantic Records. The group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988.

## THE DUPREES

This group was comprised of Joseph Canzano, Tom Bialablow, John Salvato and Joe Santollo, all from Jersey City, New Jersey. Their hits were "You Belong to Me" (#7), "My Own True Love" (#13), and "Have You Heard" (#18). All were on Coed Records.



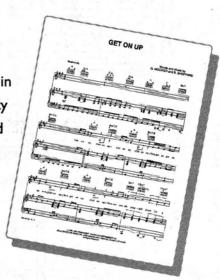


#### THE ELEGANTS

Formed on Staten Island, New York, the group consisted of James Mochella, Arthur Venoso, Carmen Romano, Frank Tardogno and Vito Icone. They had one #I hit on the charts, "Little Star," which was recorded on Apt Records.

## THE ESQUIRES

Formed while its members were still in high school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the group consisted of Betty Moorer, Sam Pace, Shawn Taylor, Millard Edwards and Alvis Moorer. The group had two chart records, "Get On Up" (#11) and "Get Away" (#22), which were recorded on Bunky Records.



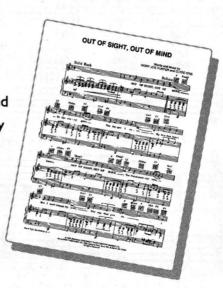


## THE ESSEX

Formed while its members were in the U.S. Marine Corps, the group consisted of Rudolph Johnson, Rodney Taylor, Billie Hill, Walter Vickers and Anita Humes. Their hits were "Easier Said Than Done" (#1) and "A Walkin' Miracle" (#12). Both were recorded on Roulette Records.

## THE FIVE KEYS

Formed in Newport News, Virginia, the group consisted of Bernnie West, Ripley Ingrim, Raphael Ingrim, Ruby West and Maryland Pierce. The group had three records on the charts, but their biggest hit was "Out of Sight, Out of Mind" (#23) which they recorded on Capitol Records. When they started out, they were known as the Sentimental Four.



## GEE!

Words and Music by MORRIS LEVY and WILLIAM DAVIS



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# THE GREAT PRETENDER



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# **HEART AND SOUL**

Words by FRANK LOESSER Music by HOAGY CARMICHAEL Moderato, Not Too Fast rall. Voice ad-lib Gm7 F#dim let pair of me oft Colla voce Gm Gm7 times be fore But more just thrill, you Gm7 C7 gave me, yes more, much more. Heart and Soul - 3 - 1





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# I WANNA TESTIFY

Words and Music by GEORGE CLINTON and DARON TAYLOR







I Wanna Testify - 3 - 2



I Wanna Testify - 3 - 3

# I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU

Words by AL DUBIN Music by HARRY WARREN Slowly (J J = J J)Tacet My love must be a kind of blind love; with pedal throughout G ×000 G ×000 G × 000 I can't see but you. 3

I Only Have Eyes for You - 4 - 1

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# I'M IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE



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# THE LION SLEEPS TONIGHT

Lyrics and Revised Music by GEORGE DAVID WEISS, HUGO PERETTI and LUIGI CREATORI



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## LITTLE STAR

Words and Music by ARTHUR VENOSA and VITO PICONE







### MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

Words by AL STILLMAN Music by ROBERT ALLER





#### **LOVE IS A MANY-SPLENDORED THING**



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#### THE FLAMINGOS

Formed in Chicago, Illinois, the group consisted of Zeke Carey, Solly McElroy, Jake Carey, Paul Wilson and Johnny Carter. They had two records on the charts: "I Only Have Eyes for You" (#11) and "Nobody Loves Me Like You Do" (#30). All were recorded on End Records.

#### THE FOUR ACES

This group was comprised of Al Alberts, S. Vaccaro, Dave Mahoney and Lou Silvestri. Their hits were "Melody of Love" (#3), "Heart" (#13), "Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing" (#1), "A Woman in Love" (#14) and "I Only Know I Love You" (#22). All were recorded on Decca Records.





#### THE FOUR COINS

This group was formed in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, and consisted of George Mahranas, George Mantulis, George Gregorakis and Michael Mahramas (all Greek). They had five records on the charts; "Shangri-La," which reached #11, was one of the group's most successful recordings. They recorded on Epic Records.

#### THE FOUR LADS

This group came out of Canada. Its members were Jimmie Arnold, Frankie Busseri, Bernie Toorish and Connie Codarini. The group had many chart records; "Moments to Remember" (#2), "No, Not Much" (#2) and "Standing on the Corner" (#10) were all recorded on Columbia Records.





#### THE FOUR SEASONS

The group was formed in Newark, New Jersey, and consisted of Frankie Valli, Nick Massi, Tommy DeVito and Bob Gaudio. They had an impressive 30 records on the charts, which included "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes off of You" and "Rag Doll." All were #1 on the charts. Some of their recordings were done under the name of The Wonder Who?. They recorded for the following labels: Vee-Jay, Phillips and Warner Bros.

#### THE IMPALAS

Formed in Brooklyn, New York, the group consisted of Tony Carlucci, Lenny Renda, Joe Frazier and Richard Wagner. Their #2 song, "Sorry (I Ran All the Way Home)," was recorded on Cub Records.





#### JAY & THE AMERICANS

Formed by students at New York University, the group consisted of John Traynor, Howie Kane, Sandy Yaguda, Kenny Vance and Jay Black. They had ten records on the charts; "Come a Little Bit Closer" (#3), "Cara Mia" (#4) and "This Magic Moment" (#6) are a few of the top songs recorded by this group on United Artist Records. The group was orignally called the Harbor-Lites.

#### THE LETTERMEN

Formed in Los Angeles, California, this group included Bob Engemann, Jim Pike and Tony Butala. Their hits were "When I Fall in Love" (#7), "A Summer Place" (#16) and "Goin' out of My Head" (#7). All were recorded on Capitol Records.



# MY OWN TRUE LOVE

Music by MAX STEINER Words by MACK DAVID Slowly E maj? Fm7 Bb0 Fm7 Bbs ad lib. E Think-ing love passed me by, Blue and lone-ly was Ahme Bh7 Ebmaj.7 gay days And I know why: grey days Turned in-to all my All at once REFRAIN-Slowly B . 7 At last I've found you, MY OWN TRUE LOVE, MY OWN TRUE LOVE,

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### MY SPECIAL ANGEL



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### NO, NOT MUCH!





# **OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND**

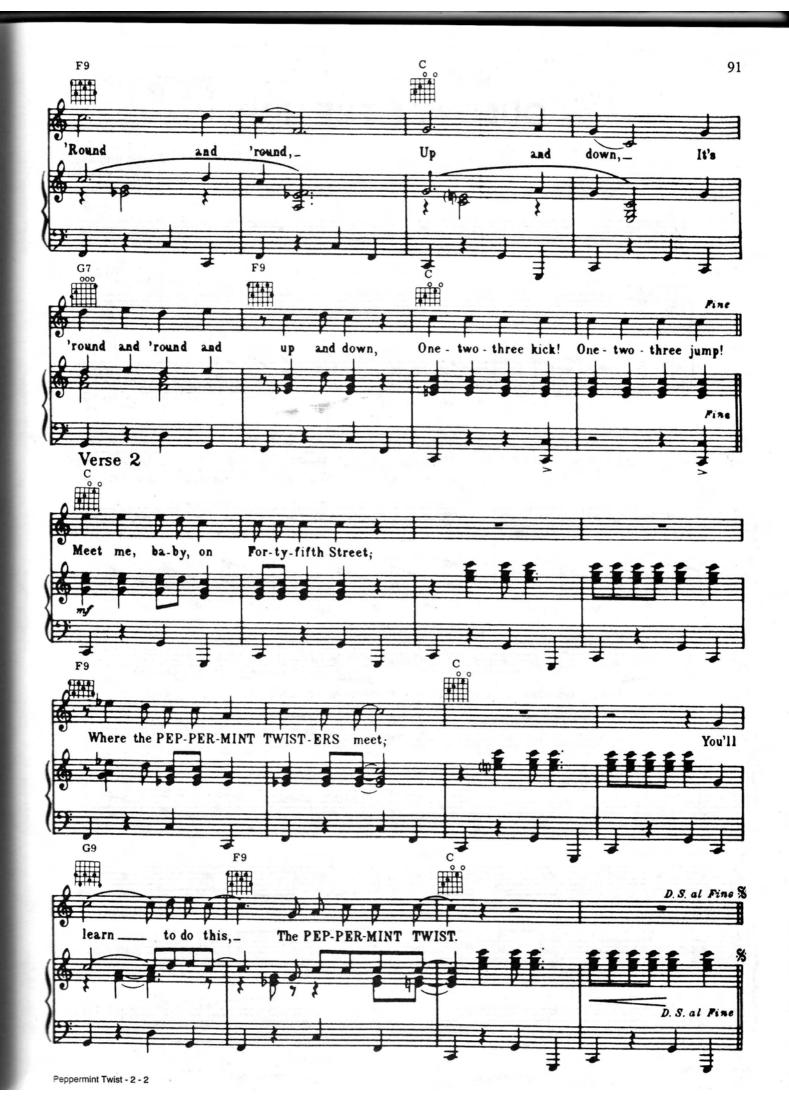








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### QUEEN OF THE HOP



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# **RHYTHM OF THE RAIN**



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Moderately

### **RUBBER BISCUIT**

Words and Music by CHARLES JOHNSON

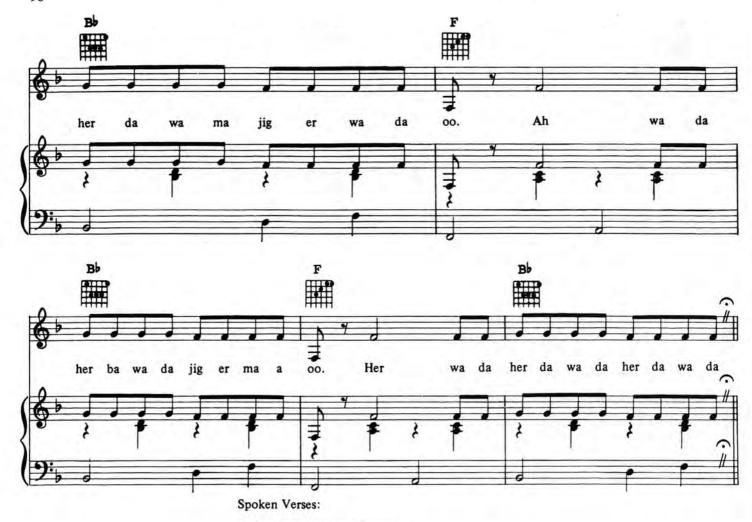


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- 1. Do that again! (To Chorus)
- Hm, have you ever heard of a wish sandwich?
   A wish sandwich is the kind of a sandwich where
   You have two slices of bread and you Hm.....
   Wish you had some meatball. (To Chorus)
- 3. The other day I had a ricochet biscuit.

  A ricochet biscuit is the kind of a biscuit that's

  Supposed to bounce back off the wall into your mouth.

  If it don't bounce back. Hm.....

  You go hungry. (To Chorus)
- 4. The other day I had a "cool water" sandwich And a Sunday "go to meetin" bun. (To Chorus)



### SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME





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## **SECRET LOVE**





## **SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER**



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#### SHANGRI-LA





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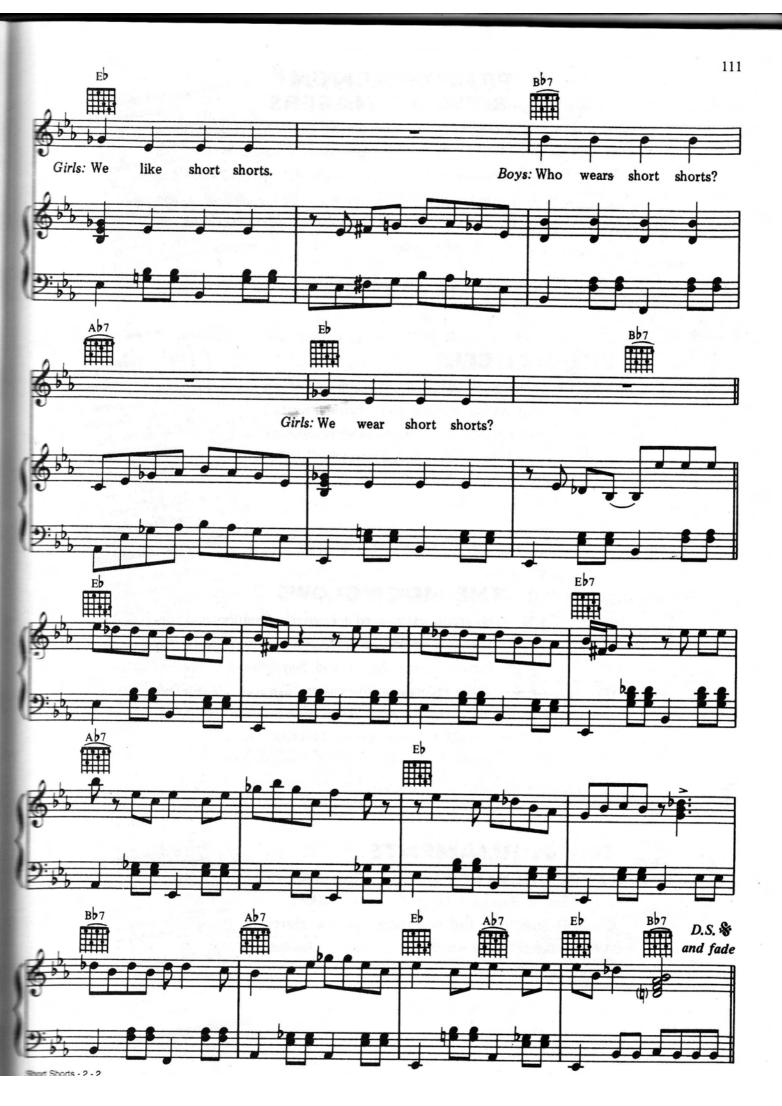
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### **SHORT SHORTS**

Words and Music by THOMAS AUSTIN, BOB GAUDI BILL DALTON and BILL CRANDE







# FRANKIE LYMON & THE TEENAGERS

The group was formed in the Bronx by Frankie Lymon, Herman Santiago, Joe Negroni, Sherman Garnes and Jimmy Merchant. Their hits were "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" (#1), "I Want You to Be My Girl" (#13) and "Goody Goody" (#20). All were recorded on Gee Records.

### THE MARCELS

Formed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the group consisted of Cornelius Harp, Ronald Munday, Gene Bricker, Richard Krauss and Fred Johnson. The group had two records on the charts, "Blue Moon" (#1) and "Heartaches" (#7), which were recorded on ColPix Records.





### THE MOONGLOWS

This group was formed in Louisville, Kentucky, and consisted of Bobby Lester, Alexander Graves, Harvey Fugua, Prentiss Barnes and Billy Johnson. They had three records on the charts: "Sincerely" (#20), "See Saw" (#25) and "Ten Commandments of Love" (#22). All were recorded on Chess Records.

### THE PARLIAMENTS

Formed in 1955, the group consisted of George Clinton, Calvin Simon, Raymond Davis, Clarence Haskins and Grady Thomas. They had one record on the charts, "I Wanna Testify" (#20), which they recorded on Revilot Records.



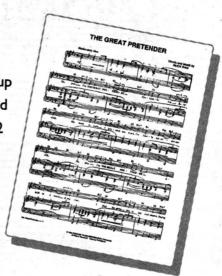


### THE PENGUINS

Formed in the mid 1950s, this Los Angeles, California, group consisted of Dexter Tisby, Bruce Tate, Cleveland Duncan and Curtis Williams. Their hit record was "Earth Angel" (#8) recorded on Doo Tone Records.

### THE PLATTERS

Formed in Los Angeles, California, the group consisted of Tony Williams, Paul Robi, Herb Reed, David Lynch and Zola Taylor. The group had an amazing 22 records on the charts. They had three #1 records: "The Great Pretender," "My Prayer" and "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." All were recorded on Mercury Records.





### THE PLAYMATES

Morey Carr, Chic Hetti and Donny Conn formed the nucleus of this group. Their artistic emphasis was on comedy. "Beep Beep" (#4), their biggest hit, was recorded on the Roulette label.

### THE REGENTS

This group was formed in the Bronx, New York, and consisted of Guy Villari, Charles Fassert, Sal Cuoma, Don Jacobucci and Tony Cravagna. They had two records on the charts, "Barbara Ann" (#13) and "Run Around" (#28), which were recorded on Gee Records. The group was originally known as the Desires.







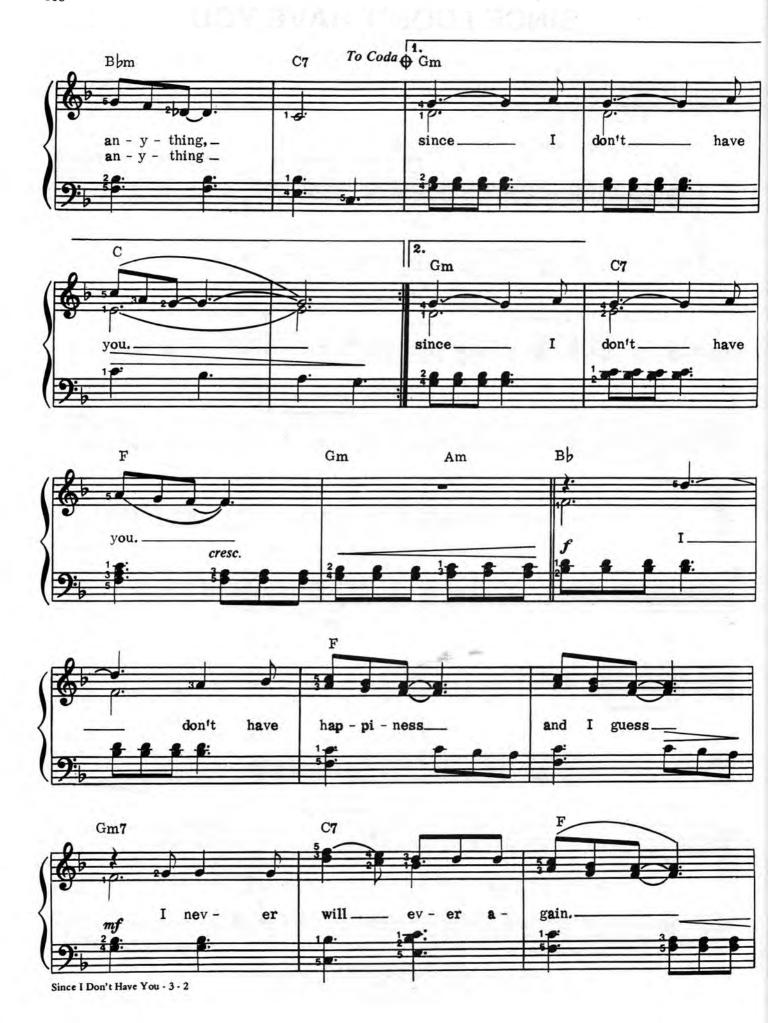
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### SINCE I DON'T HAVE YOU







Verse 3:
Now I don't have much to share,
And I don't have one to care,
I don't have anything
Since I don't have you.

### **SINCERELY**





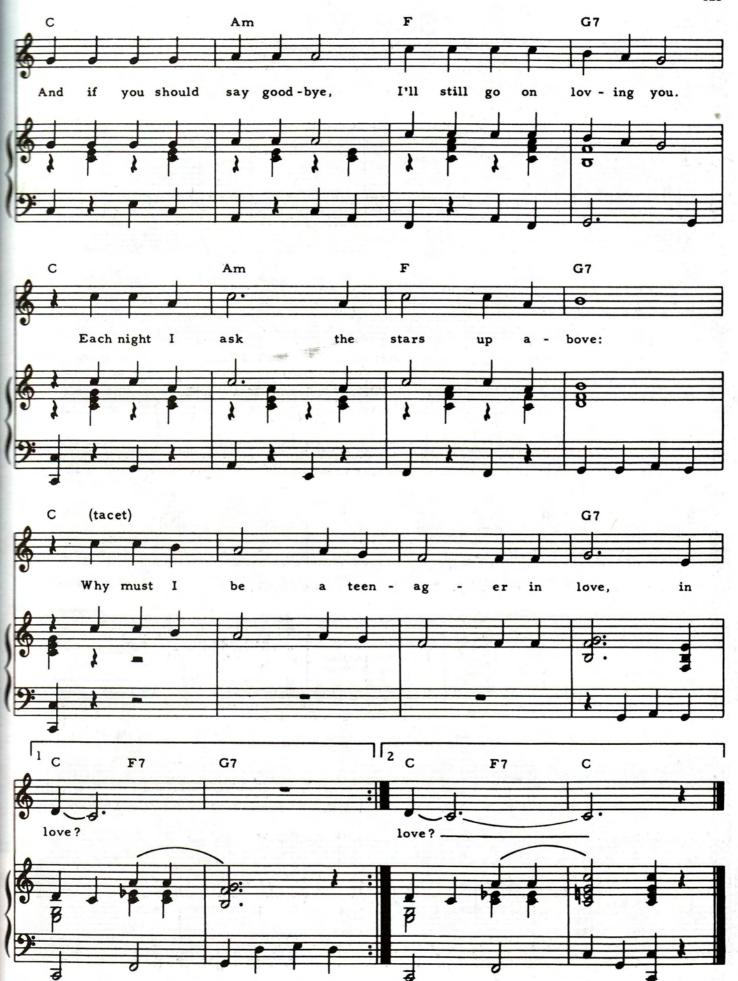


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## A TEENAGER IN LOVE







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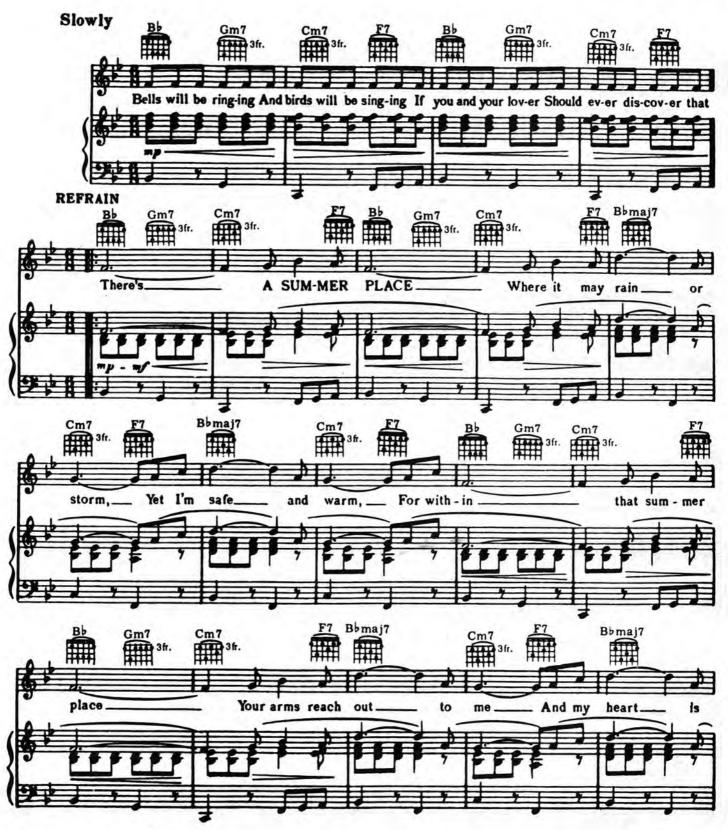
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## THEME FROM A SUMMER PLACE

Words by MACK DISCANT

Music by MAX STEINER



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# WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE?

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# YOU MAKE ME FEEL BRAND NEW

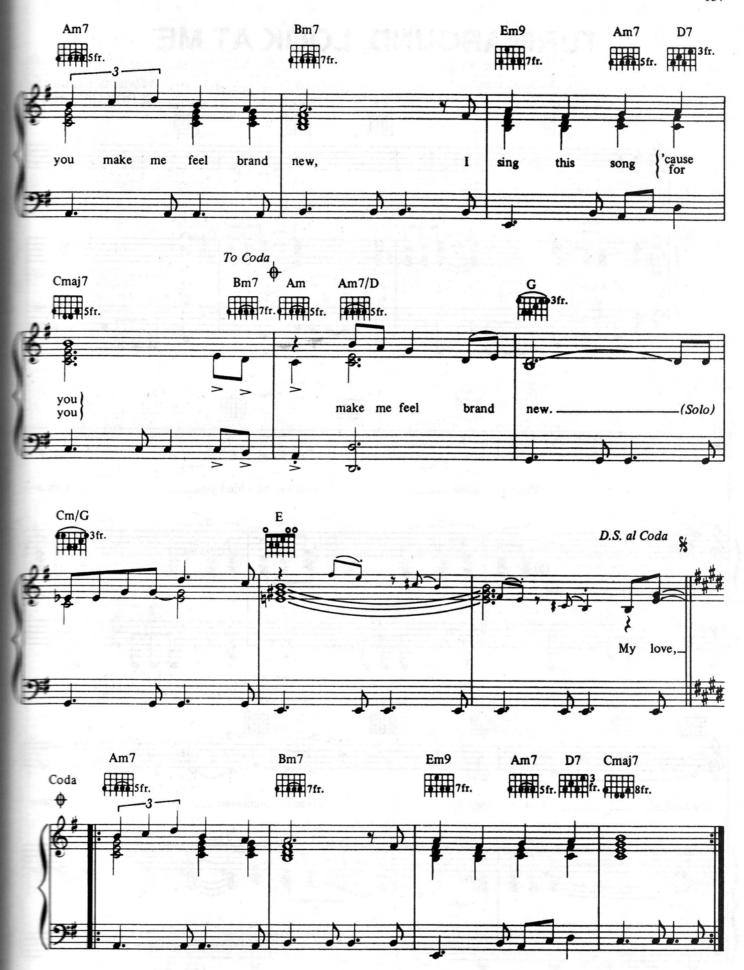
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### THE RIVIERAS

Formed in South Bend, Indiana, the group was originally made up of Otto Nuss, Doug Gean, Marty "Bo" Forston, Joe Pennell and Paul Dennert. They had one hit, "California Sun" (#5), which was recorded on Riviera Records.

### **ROSIE & THE ORIGINALS**

This group was formed in San Diego, California. They had one record on the charts, "Angel Baby" (#5), which was recorded on Highland Records.





### THE ROYAL TEENS

The group consisted of Bill Crandall, Tom Austin, Billy Dalton and Bob Gaudio (who later joined the Four Seasons). All were from Fort Lee, New Jersey. Their hit was "Short Shorts" (#3). They recorded on ABC-Paramount and Capitol Records.

### **SHEP & THE LIMELITES**

Formed in New York City by Clarence Bassett, Charles Baskerville and Shep Sheppard, this group's hit record was "Daddy's Home" (#2) on Hull Records.





#### THE STYLISTICS

The group was formed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by Airron Love, James Smith, Russell Thompkins Jr., Herbe Murreu and James Dunn. Their biggest hits were "Betcha By Golly, Wow" (#3), "You Are My Everything" (#9), "I'm Still in Love With You" (#10) and "You Make Me Feel Brand New" (#2). All were recorded on Atco Records.

#### THE TEMPOS

The group was formed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by Jim Drake, Gene Schachter, Tom Minato and Mike Lazo. Their hit was "See You in September" (#23). It was recorded on Climax Records.





### THE TOKENS

While at Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, New York, Hank Medress, Eddie Rabkin, Cynthia Zolitin and Neil Sedaka (who later went on to achieve fame as a songwriter and solo performer) decided to start this group. Their biggest hit was "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" (#1), which was recorded on RCA Records.

### **THE VOGUES**

This group was from Pennsylvania and included Don Miller, Hugh Geyer, Bill Burkette and Chuck Blasko. They had eight hit records. "Turn Around, Look at Me" (#7) and "My Special Angel" (#7), their biggest hits, were recorded on Reprise Records.





ANGEL BABY Rosie & The Originals

AT THE HOP Danny & The Juniors

BARBARA ANN
The Regents

BEEP BEEP
The Playmates

BLUE MOON
The Marcels

CALIFORNIA SUN The Rivieras

CAN'T TAKE MY EYES
OFF OF YOU
The Four Seasons

CARA MIA
Jay & The Americans

CHAPEL OF LOVE The Orioles

CHARLIE BROWN
The Coasters

COME GO WITH ME The Dell-Vikings

COUNT EVERY STAR Donnie & The Dreamers

DADDY'S HOME Shep & The Limelites

EARTH ANGEL
The Penguins

EASIER SAID THAN DONE
The Essex

GEE The Crows

**GET ON UP The Esquires** 

THE GREAT PRETENDER
The Platters

HEART AND SOUL The Cleftones

I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR YOU The Flamingos

> I WANNA TESTIFY The Parliaments

I'M IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE The Chimes

THE LION SLEEPS
TONIGHT
The Tokens

LITTLE STAR
The Elegants

LOVE IS A MANY-SPLENDORED THING The Four Aces

MOMENTS TO REMEMBER
The Four Lads

MY OWN TRUE LOVE
The Duprees

MY SPECIAL ANGEL The Vogues

NO, NOT MUCH! The Vogues

OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND The Five Keys

PEPPERMINT TWIST Joey Dee & The Starliters

QUEEN OF THE HOP Billy & The Martinques

RHYTHM OF THE RAIN

The Cascades

RUBBER BISCUIT The Chips

SAVE THE LAST

DANCE FOR ME The Drifters

SECRET LOVE The Moonglows

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER The Tempos

SHANGRI-LA
The Four Coins

SHE CRIED
Jay & The Americans

SHORT SHORTS
The Royal Teens

SHOUT Joey Dee & The Starliters

> SINCE I DON'T HAVE YOU The Skyliners

SINCERELY
The Moonglows

SORRY (I Ran All The Way Home) The Impalas

SPEEDOO
The Cadillacs

A SUMMER PLACE The Lettermen

A TEENAGER IN LOVE Dion & The Belmonts

> TURN AROUND, LOOK AT ME The Vogues

WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE? Frankie Lyman & The Teenagers

YOU MAKE ME FEEL BRAND NEW The Stylistics



